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Bring the boy here for correct wearing apparel. This department is complete in its offering and variety of Stylish Suits, Overcoats and Reefers. Everything that the boy wears is here in the new ideas for the present season—Hats, Caps, Underwear, Coat Sweaters, Gloves, Neckwear, Shirts, Blouses, Collars, etc.

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All the representative styles for winter wear await you here in Soft and Stiff Hats. We would like every young man who appreciates correct style to see our variety of colors in the new Hat originated by the J. B. Stetson Co.—

The Vanity, \$4.00.
Other grades range from \$1.50 to \$5.00.
Stylish Caps, 50c and \$1.00.

Xmas Gifts for Men.

Look over the list below—any of which will make the Man's Christmas a happy one. He's fond of anything to wear, anything to add to or to complete his winter wardrobe. You'd do well to see the many articles we cannot list for lack of space—things we've stocked our cases with for your gift to man or boy.

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Solid colors and fancy designs in a pleasing variety of buckles, all styles, in fancy boxes, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

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Consisting of Silk Suspenders, Garters and Arm Bands, in color and designs to match. Boxed, 50c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

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A new idea. Matched Suspenders and Four-in-Hand Scarf, in fancy box, excellent quality, 50c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

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Matched solid colors—Half Hose, Four-in-Hand Tie and Silk Handkerchief, boxed, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

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A dozen Collars or Cuffs of the style most pleasing to him will fill the bill. Here one can find every style in Arrow Brand Collars and in quarter sizes.

UMBRELLAS.

Handsome variety of handles in natural wood, gold and silver trimmed, ivory, buckhorn, pearl and silver. Best Paragon frames and steel rods. Covers of silk, mercerized gloria, etc. The better grades in lined cases, \$1.00 up to \$12.00.

FANCY VESTS.

Full Dress and Tuxedo Vests. An extensive variety of Fancy Vests.

GLOVES.

Gloves for every occasion—for driving, motor, walking, full dress, etc.—Fur, Leather, Lined, etc., any of which will be boxed for gifts.

HOSIERY.

Every known kind of Half Hose. Let us suggest a half dozen pairs of Black Silk Socks for his gift. Special boxes.

SILK NIGHT ROBES.

A rich gift for men who like the best. In delicate shades of pink, blue, tan, etc.

HANDKERCHIEFS.

Wide and Narrow Hemstitched Handkerchiefs for men and boys, with initial or plain, in linen, silks, etc., boxed if desired—10c to \$1.00 each.

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Beautiful patterns and designs in Silk and Satin Scarves of every color and shades. Many are special values for the holidays. Packed in attractive gift boxes, 25c to \$2.50.

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Sets of Pajamas and House Slippers of matched materials. Silk Pajamas in all colors and shades.

BATH ROBES.

Many beautiful patterns and colorings in Turkish and Blanket Bath Robes, \$4.00 to \$15.00.

COLLAR BAGS.

In many colors and materials and silk lined—a pleasing gift—\$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

SUIT CASES AND BAGS.

A most acceptable gift, and found here in a variety of leathers in the most popular colors—fawn, russet, brown, etc., \$4.00 up to \$16.00.

SMOKING JACKETS.

Conservative Scotch Plaids in woolen fabrics and velvets, in solid colors, make an assortment of Smoking Jackets most desirable for holiday gifts—\$5.00 to \$20.00.

FULL DRESS PROTECTORS.

A complete variety of Protectors and Mufflers, in black, white and colors. An acceptable gift to young men would be the popular Shawl Muffler, new this season.

JEWELRY.

We're prepared to show you a complete offering of the newest ideas in Cuff Buttons, Scarf Pins, Shirt Studs, etc., in sets or single, 50c and up.

CARNEGIE'S TALK RESENTED BY KNOX

Alleged Criticism of Policy Arouses Ire of Secretary

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 21.—Latin-American diplomats are indulging in general gossip, more or less critical, over an incident that occurred at the luncheon given at the New Willard last Friday by John Barrett, director of the Bureau of American Republics, in honor of Andrew Carnegie, the donor of the new home of the bureau on Seventh street. The list of guests contained many distinguished names, including, besides those named, Secretary Knox, Senator Root and the diplomatic representatives of all the states of Central and South America, excepting Nicaragua. According to the plans laid down by Director Barrett, but two speeches were to be made—one by Señor Calvo, of Costa Rica, dean of the Latin-American diplomatic corps, and the other by Mr. Carnegie, the guest of honor.

That this program was not strictly adhered to was due, according to the story, to the fact that Mr. Carnegie, in the course of his remarks criticized the policy adopted by Secretary Knox for the settlement of the revolution in Nicaragua and contrasted it unfavorably with the policy of his predecessor, Senator Root. He took occasion to personally compliment Mr. Root upon his successful efforts for the maintenance of peace and concord in the Central and South American republics.

It appeared that Secretary Knox resented the criticism and comparisons made by Mr. Carnegie, and said it is understood, that his remarks on the Nicaraguan situation were unwarranted and uncalled for. Subsequently the matter was smoothed over and the luncheon ended quietly without further incident.

BOY RESCUES THREE

Saves Lads Who Had Broken Through Ice.

PORTLAND, ME., December 21.—Himself the savior of a man who has rescued three persons from drowning, Max Woodbury, sixteen years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Woodbury, of South Portland, saved from drowning three boys who had plunged through thin ice on a pond.

Max Woodbury, twelve years old, proved a hero for, although he was one of the three pulled from the water by young Woodbury, he risked his life to save the others.

Arthur Cluff, the two Cluff boys were sleighing on the pond when the ice broke and they fell through.

Max Woodbury picked up a board, and crawling out to the edge of the pond, pulled the boys to safety one by one.

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SAYS HORSE WAS "CRAZY"

Veterinarian After Autopsy, Testifies

PITTSBURG, PA., December 21.—An Alderman here reserved decision on a lawsuit brought before him by Charles McGonigle, who claims damages to the amount of \$130 from S. C. Isenberg, alleging that the latter had sold him a horse represented as sound, but which was found to be "crazy."

An autopsy held on the head of the horse resulted in the declaration by a surgeon, which was that the animal was of unsound mind.

McGonigle sold the horse to a Philadelphia dealer, after purchasing it from Isenberg. The dealer, who said the horse was seized with spells at times, and would remain for hours in one position.

McGonigle was forced to refund the purchase money and pay the freight of the animal to and from Philadelphia.

ATTACK ON OFFICER

Clock Hurled at His Head by Unknown Midshipman.

ANNAPOLIS, December 21.—Stand ing sixty or seventy feet above his superior, a midshipman hurled an alarm clock at one of the officers on duty at Bancroft Hall, which contains the dormitories of the midshipmen. The heavy clock, that missed the officer's head, and striking the floor between him and a marine orderly, was dashed to pieces.

An effort is being made by the authorities to find out who the daring offender was, but if his name is known by the midshipmen they are keeping silent. Most of the midshipmen were in their rooms for study at the time.

The incident was the first of the kind, who are the officers of the brigade, were attending a lecture.

FILE MINORITY REPORT

Representatives See No Reason for Recognizing District of Panama.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 21.—A minority report on the Mann bill, reorganizing the District of Panama, was filed in the House to-day by Representatives Richardson, of Alabama; Bartlett, of Georgia; and Petola, of Massachusetts. The report says that a good reason has been shown for the abolition of the Isthmian Canal zone; no complaint has been made, and that the work on the canal is progressing satisfactorily, and the point is made that the original canal act has worked so well that Congress has seen fit to make no change in it since the expiration of the Fifty-eighth Congress.

The minority members say that the Mann bill places complete military, legislative, executive, judicial and authority in the canal zone in the hands of the President of the United States, "in conflict with the genius and spirit of our republican institutions."

Crow of Wrecked Train Safe.

NORFOLK, VA., December 21.—A wireless message to-day from Captain Fletcher, of the cruiser Birmingham, to the British consulate here, says the Birmingham, with the crew of eight men of the lost British wrecking tug "Pelican" were saved from the wrecked train to-day. The message adds that the building, which was bound from London to Havana, was abandoned, and saved Sunday morning, December 19, 275 miles east of Bermuda.

WOMAN'S IDENTITY FINALLY DISCLOSED

NORFOLK, VA., December 20.—It was positively learned here last night that the young woman now hovering between life and death at St. Vincent's Hospital as the result of an attempt to end her life by drinking laudanum and shooting herself through the head three times while a guest at the Queen Anne Cottage at Virginia Beach last Wednesday, is Miss Marguerite Marshall, up to two weeks ago the member of a staff of a New York newspaper.

Miss Marshall, who is a graduate of Tufts College, Medford, Mass., came here last week to join a theatrical company as press representative. She registered at the Beach as Miss Ruth Morton, of Chicago, and carefully destroyed all evidence of her identity before she attempted to end her life. The motive for her desire to end her life is yet unknown. A man's

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IT'S THE SHOE THAT MAKES THE BRAND WORTH CALLING FOR

handkerchief and crushed bunch of violets which she requested placed in her grave, however, hint at an affair of the heart. Miss Marshall's relatives and friends have wired the hospital authorities urging that everything possible be done to save her life. At St. Vincent's to-night it was said that the young woman has a slight chance for recovery.

Prisoners Attempt to Gain Liberty.

DANVILLE, VA., December 21.—A hold and daring attempt to gain their liberty by filing into the steel bars to their cells was made this morning by prisoners confined at the City Jail, but was frustrated by timely action on the part of Deputy City Sergeant W. W. Boleau. The plans of the would-be jail-breakers, if they had been carried out, would have resulted in liberating at least ten prisoners, the majority of whom were sentenced to the penitentiary at the recent term of the Corporation Court. It is thought that a steel saw was smuggled into the jail yesterday by a negro woman recently released from custody.

Found Dead in Woods.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEW CHURCH, VA., December 21.—John F. Nelson, a farmer, aged thirty years, left his home here yesterday, and failing to return in a reasonable time, a search was instituted for him by neighbors. His body was found dead in a woods near his home, death resulting from heart trouble. He is survived by a widow, two sons and one daughter.

Will Sue for Insurance.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 21.—The Virginia State Company will institute suit in the Corporation Court here for a collection of insurance on their stock and building recently burned to the amount of \$25,000, against a number of companies, unless those companies settle when formal demand is made upon them. They have so far refused to agree upon a settlement. Other companies interested have offered no objection.

Damage Suits Compromised.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., December 21.—Two damage suits against the Southern Railway for \$20,000 each, pending in the Federal court at Greensboro have been compromised for \$8,000. A. S. Davis and Walter Goodnight were the plaintiffs. Both were injured while employed on the Southern yards here.

Furniture Manufacturers Meet.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., December 21.—Furniture manufacturers of Virginia and North Carolina held a business session here this afternoon. Trade and prices were discussed, but nothing was given out for publication.

All Nominations Confirmed by Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 21.—The Senate to-day confirmed the nomination of former Secretary of State Robert Bacon, of New York, to be ambassador to France. All the other diplomatic nominations which were sent to the Senate yesterday were confirmed.

Blockade Still Destroyed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., December 21.—Sheriff Jones, of Stokes, with two

These Presents Made Hot

While some people are giving Christmas presents that will keep you cool and others to keep you warm, there are still others buying presents that are more serviceable when they are real hot. These are the many useful electrical devices to be found in the office of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, Seventh and Main Streets. Give her an electrical smoothing iron and make her happy all the year.

Commencing Monday, December 20th.

This store Will be open till 9 o'clock in order that you may have plenty of time to make your Christmas purchases. Below are listed many articles suitable presents:

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| Large 16x20 Pictures, \$1.00 | Magazine Stands 98c |
| Clocks from 59c to \$12.00 | Pedestals from \$2.50 to \$10 |
| Vases from 50c up | Tabourettes, 39c, 50c, 75c and up. |
| Blankets from \$1.75 to \$9.00 | Bissell's Carpet Sweepers, \$2.50. |
| Comforts, \$1.38 up. | A nice Large Rug, \$1.25 |
| Mirrors from \$8.00 to \$35 | Lace Bed Sets from \$2.75 to \$12.50. |
| Comet Heaters, Perfection Oil Heaters, all makes of Ranges. | Ladies' Oak Desk, Special \$4.69. |
| | 26-piece Silver Set, for \$8.00 |

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WITNESS ON STAND IN HIS OWN BEHALF

Shortage in Bank's Accounts Great Mystery to Mr. Thornton.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BUREKA MILLS, VA., December 21.—Owing to the latitude Judge Hundley is allowing the lawyers on both sides in the examination of witnesses in the case against E. C. Thornton for alleged falsification of his report to the Corporation Commission, the trial is consuming a great deal of time. Judge Hundley is attempting to get at the bottom of the mysteries involved in the case, and permits the attorneys for the prosecution and defense to ask every question within the bounds of law and reason.

Mr. Thornton was put on the stand in his own behalf early yesterday morning, and was there until 5 in the

afternoon, having an hour's recess for dinner. He was cross-examined closely by Senator Strode, and stood the trying ordeal well. He was questioned as to his manner of bookkeeping in the bank, explaining his alleged false report to the Corporation Commission, saying the report was correct as far as he knew. He went into the matter of overdrafts, the shortage as found by the expert accountants, and many points bearing on this. Mr. Thornton still contends that the shortage in the bank's accounts, as found by Mr. Peple, the accountant who examined the books, is a "great mystery" to him, and states that he believes there is a mistake in the findings of Mr. Peple and that there is no actual shortage.

Mr. Thornton stated in his evidence that for some years past, and more especially in recent years, his nervous system has been seriously affected, so much so that his memory, which was formerly very fine, has become faulty, causing him to neglect his business and at times totally incapacitating him for any work.

When the court adjourned yesterday Mr. Thornton had not completed his testimony. Several witnesses have testified as to Mr. Thornton's nervous condition, bearing him out in his statement in this respect.

The case against E. C. Daniel, president of the bank, has been set for the next term of court. Judge Hundley has appointed Judge Boylan Green to prosecute the case.

Trials of B. E. Cogbill, C. Haskins and W. L. Clark, in connection with the failure of the Bank of Mecklenburg, have all been continued to the February term, and the parties have renewed their bonds. The continuance is due to the recent affliction of Major Rison, who is assistant prosecutor in all the cases.

Ten-Hour Day Restored.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
POCAHONTAS, VA., December 21.—The ten-hour system has been restored at the works of the Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Company. Over three years ago the plant was put on a nine-hour shift of the ten-hour day, and it was only this week that the plant resumed the now or rather old system of a ten-hour day.

Schoolfield-Van Wagener.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
DANVILLE, VA., December 21.—R. A. Schoolfield and Mrs. Sadie Vass Van Wagener were quietly married in a

private parlor of the Waldorf Astoria, New York, Tuesday afternoon, December 21, at 5 o'clock. Among those present were Miss Bland Schoolfield, Mrs. R. Bruce James and Mr. and Mrs. Rucker Penn, of Danville; Mr. and Mrs. Duryee Van Wagener, of Newark, N. J.; James Vass, Jr., of Portland, Maine; and Hannan Schoolfield, of Charlotte, N. C.

Captures Big Whiskey Distillery.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., December 21.—Sheriff Watson, of Cumberland county, assisted by Deputy Sheriff Pate and Royall Jones, as special deputy, last night captured the thirty-second illicit whiskey distillery taken during his administration. The still was situated in Rockfish Swamp and was of 125 gallons capacity, being the largest and best equipped ever taken by Sheriff Watson, who holds the North Carolina record for capturing moonshine distilleries.

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Our Leader Whiskey.....	\$2.50	\$4.50	\$6.50
Sunny South Whiskey.....	2.75	5.00	7.00
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Paul Jones Whiskey.....	3.50	6.50	9.00
Monticello Whiskey.....	4.00	7.50	11.00
Mt. Vernon Whiskey.....	4.50	8.00	11.50
Overholt Whiskey.....	4.50	8.00	11.50
N. C. Corn Whiskey.....	2.50	4.00	6.00
N. C. Corn, very old.....	3.50	6.00	9.00
Gin (Holland process).....	2.50	4.50	6.50

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CASE GOODS.			
(Express Prepaid.)	4 Qts.	6 Qts.	8 Qts.
Old Kentucky Taylor.....	\$4.00	\$5.50	\$7.20
Old Bob Burton.....	4.00	5.50	7.20
Cheswick Club.....	3.50	5.00	6.50
Taylor's Golden Rye.....	4.00	5.50	7.20
Mellwood (bottled in bond).....	4.50	6.50	8.50
Blue and Gray (bottled in bond).....	4.00	5.50	7.00

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Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

It is so high in Franklin, Tenn., that the figurehead of the armored cruiser Tennessee probably will never rest there. This results from the attitude taken by Mayor E. M. Perkins, of that city, in a letter to the commandant of the Bremerston Navy Yard, Washington, where the Tennessee was stationed. His letter read:

"We have received your favors of October 15 and November 9 of the present year, but as we had never made any request for the loan of the figurehead of the good ship Tennessee, and as we had no funds appropriated for the purpose of paying freight on the same, we simply remained quiet. However, if the said figurehead is that of a beautiful woman we will take good care of her. If she is a sea monster, or a sea serpent, we don't want her at a discount even. Trusting this meets with your approval," etc.

The letter has been forwarded to the Navy Department with the information that the figurehead is not a woman, neither is it a mermaid or a sea serpent.

CONTINUED UNTIL FEBRUARY.

Trials of Persons Connected with Bank Failure Postponed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BOYDTON, VA., December 21.—The

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